मंत्रालयों द्वारा विदेश यात्रा का दुरुपयोग रोकने के लिए कदम उठाया जाना

3011. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार किसी भी मंत्रालय द्वारा विदेश यात्रा का दुरुपयोग एवं इस पर होने वाले फिजूल खर्च को रोकने के लिए कोई प्रभावी कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार के निर्णय को लागू करने की समयावधि क्या होगी?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री यशवंत सिन्हा): (क) और (ख) सरकारी अधिकारियों तथा अन्य पदाधिकारियों की विदेश यात्राएं समय-समय पर जारी अनुदेशों द्वारा नियमित की जाती हैं। यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए ये विदेश यात्राएं आवश्यक, जनहित में हैं तथा इनका खर्च इस प्रयोजन से आबंटित बजटीय सीमा के भीतर ही है, ऐसे हर यात्रा प्रस्तावों की सावधानीपूर्वक जांच की जाती है।

Demand to raise Height of Transmitting Tower and Upgradation of Low Power Transmitter

3012. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand of the Government of Meghalaya to raise the height of the transmitting tower of the Shillong Doordarshan Kendra from 45 metres to 100 metres.

(b) if so, by when Government proposes to start construction of the new transmitting tower;

(c) whether Government are aware of the demand of the Government of Meghalaya to upgrade the Low Power Transmitter of 100 Watts to the 10 Kilo Watts capacity; and

(d) if so, by when Government proposes to upgrade the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The matter regarding increasing the tower height at Shillong was again taken up with Airports Authority of India and clearance for erection of 150 meter Tower has been obtained. Feasibility for increasing the height at the present site is under examination.

(c) and (d) Whereas, there is no approved scheme, at present, to upgrade the Low Power Transmitters (LPTs) at Jowai, William Nagar, Shillong (DD II), the existing Low Power Transmitter (LPT) (DD II) at Tura is being upgraded to High Power Transmitter (HPT) (1 KW) and the project is scheduled to be completed during the year 1999-2000.

Non-Coverage of Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on AIR/DD

3013. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the first time since 1964, no mention was made by Akashwani or Doordarshan of the death anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on May 27, 1998; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir. The death anniversery of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was covered in various News bulletins of All India Radio and Doordarshan. Besides this, Doordarshan telecast live a special musical concert organized by Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund at Teen Murti Bhawan on 27.5.1998 in its National Network and also telecast a special feature—Nehru and his autobiography in Natioanl Network. Similarly All India Radio also broadcast several special programmes on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on that occasion.

(b) Does not arise.